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## Comment Of The Day

### AN IDEA FOR HONGKONG

MALAYA'S appointment of an Industrial Commissioner to Hongkong is something for this Colony to think about. Mr. Kennedy's duties will be to encourage investment in Malaya and he is armed with all sorts of inducements, like five years' tax exemption, tariff protection and financial aid. So far Hongkong has done little to encourage overseas industrialists to come here. But it would be a worthwhile New Year resolution.

As Mr. Frank Kendall pointed out in his speech to Rotary yesterday, Hongkong has two assets — adequate investment finance and cheap but extremely adaptable labour. What we lack are the technical know-how of modern industrial countries and foreign marketing techniques. A combination of all four would give us industries which would rank among the most powerful in Asia.

### Advertise

A NUMBER of overseas concerns have already round out for themselves the advantages of using Hongkong's assets, but couldn't we, like Malaya, advertise our attractions in Britain, America and the Continent? Because Hongkong cannot leave industrial development to chance, which is what we are doing today. Not only do we need to encourage established industries to branch out to Hongkong, but we need to specify which categories we want. For the great need today is to diversify industry, not to increase our dependence on any one class of manufacture.

It is not suggested that we follow Malaya's example of offering tax exemptions, because our already low taxation is an added incentive for overseas firms to move out here. But we could offer sites and all facilities. We could remind British and foreign manufacturers Mr. Kadoorie has recently reminded the Colony—that bulk power rates here are lower than overseas. And compared with the more advanced nations of the world Hongkong has an enviable record for industrial harmony.

### Lacks Quality

WHAT Hongkong badly lacks is finesse in presenting its products; quality is also lacking in production. There are exceptions of course but our factories are notorious for the amount of slap-dash rubbish they turn out. It will be only a matter of time before they are eliminated, but what Hongkong needs is the big manufacturer with a well-established reputation to operate here. And only when we get a much bigger proportion of high-class products into our export trade will the Colony be able to feel safe against the intensifying competition around us.

Let us send a roving Industrial Commissioner to Britain, the Continent and America to tell industrialists of the way they can benefit themselves and Hongkong by establishing factories here. Let us make sure that all future trade missions tell the world about the opportunities for industry here.

## JUNK CARRIED 106 ILLEGAL IMMIGRANTS BIG POLICE SEIZURE

### Large Fines By Bench

The Hongkong Marine Police seized a junk carrying 106 illegal immigrants from Macao in Colony waters on Monday morning it was revealed in court this morning.

This is one of the biggest seizures for many months. The illegal immigrants included 14 men, 48 women and 44 children. They were all concealed in various parts of the junk. The Marine Police launch intercepted the junk at 8.15 a.m. off the south-west coast of Lamma Island.

The trip cost the adults \$100 and the children \$50.

**\$11,240 In Fares**

The immigrants therefore paid a total of \$11,240 in fares for the trip. In the Central Magistracy this morning Mr. Derek Coss imposed a total of \$11,000 in fines. The 42-year-old coxswain, Cheung Lo was fined \$5,000 or six months' jail. Three crew members, Choi Keung, 35-year-old engineer, Chui Ping, 16, and Wong Yau, 48, sailors, were fined \$2,000 or six months for aiding and abetting Cheung.

### Constable Shoots Suspect

A man suspected of trying to steal money from a woman passenger on a tram in the Western district early this morning was shot in the leg by a Police constable when he tried to run away after arrest.

A Police constable, in plain clothes, was on his way back to his station at 6.30 a.m. when he saw the man attempt to steal from the woman in a third class compartment.

When the suspect refused to go to the station on request, he was handed over to a uniformed constable on duty at the Whitty Street tram terminus.

### Broke Loose

As the first constable was interviewing witnesses among the tram passengers, the suspect broke loose and began to run away.

On refusing to stop after twice being called upon to do so, the uniformed constable fired two shots, the first of which missed but the second hit the man in the leg.

The suspect was taken into custody and subsequently admitted to Queen Mary Hospital for treatment.

### Large Seizure Of Opium

About 500 lbs of opium was seized yesterday afternoon when a party of Police and Revenue officers raided the premises at No. 21, Eighth Street, Hill Village, Ho Man Tin. Two Chinese women have been arrested and charged.

### Balance Budget

Washington, Jan. 13. President Eisenhower today told the Republican Congress leaders that his national budget of some \$77,000 million for the fiscal year beginning next July 1, would result in a final balance of about \$100 million to the country's credit. —France-Press.

### 'Small World' Crew Triumphant



The crew of the "Small World" were given a rousing welcome as they drove through Broad Street, Bridgetown, Barbados, on the morning following their arrival after crossing the Atlantic Ocean by air and sea in 24 days.

The balloon left Tenerife in the Canary Islands on December 12 with the aim of proving that the Atlantic winds would carry it across.

The balloon came down in the sea less than 1,000 miles from the Canaries after flying for only a few days. The crew then drifted to the Barbados in their plastic gondola.

Captain of the "Small World" was 51-year-old Arnold Elliott, and other crew members were Elliott's 21-year-old son Timothy and Colin Mudie, and Rosemary Mudie.

The picture on the left shows a crowd shouting its welcome as the "Small World's" crew is rowed ashore. —London Express Photos.

## Prince Akihito Buys A Bride With Fish And Sake

Tokyo, Jan. 14.

Crown Prince Akihito bought a bride today for two fish and six jugs of wine.

### Prince Charles Slept Here—But In Which Bed?

London, Jan. 13. Visitors wanting to sleep in the bed used by Prince Charles, heir to the British throne, in a Norfolk village inn, will have to use every bed in the building, the Daily Express reports today.

The reason is that the landlord of the inn refuses to disclose which of his six single beds the 10-year-old Prince of Wales used.

The Prince made a surprise visit to the 600-year-old inn during the weekend after his father's coat-checking party were flooded out of a bungalow on a nearby island. —China Mail Special.

### No Agreement Reached Yet

Cairo, Jan. 13. British and Egyptian delegates, working out final details of a post-Suez financial settlement, had a two-hour full-scale meeting this afternoon but at the end of it failed to announce a date for signature of an agreement, as they had been expected to do. —Reuters.

### White Silk

The white silk also symbolised a "start from scratch" attitude in the Royal marriage.

The formal engagement today brought to a climax the first stage of a romance that began two summers ago on a tennis court at the fashionable mountain resort of Karuizawa.

### By his gifts today, according to tradition, he purchased his bride.

About an hour after Michiko accepted the fish, sake and silk, Prince Akihito, dressed in traditional court costume, left his palace to visit three imperial shrines and report his engagement to his ancestors. —U.P.I.

### CHAPLINS IN ACCIDENT

London, Jan. 13. Charlie Chaplin and his wife, Oona, suffered slight contusions today when an automobile driving them to the Shepperton Film Studios skidded and was wrecked in a collision with a bus, near London.

The actor and his wife continued on their way in a car borrowed from a nearby garage. Chaplin, in London for three weeks, planned to return to Switzerland tomorrow. —France-Press.

Madrid, Jan. 13. The British Government today officially claimed the submarine Y-10 which was found drifting 70 miles off the coast on January 8, by two Spanish boats and towed into the port of Pasaia. —France-Press.

## HK Wants To Stay British Says H.E.

Singapore, Jan. 13. The people of Hongkong want it to stay a British colony, the Governor, Sir Robert Black said here today.

Sir Robert is in Singapore for the annual conference of British Far Eastern diplomats, colonial governors and service chiefs which starts tomorrow. Reporters asked him

to comment on a recent statement by his predecessor, Sir Alexander Grantham, who said the Chinese in Hongkong wanted it to stay a colony.

Sir Robert said: "Sir Alexander was quite right. In the year I have been in Hongkong I have heard no strong call for a change in the Colony's present status." —Reuters.

### FOOT DECLARES:

## NO BARGAIN WITH VIOLENCE

Nicosia, Jan. 13.

Governor Sir Hugh Foot told the people of Cyprus in an island-wide broadcast tonight "there will be no bargain with violence."

But he said he believed chances of settling the Cyprus question were now greater than ever before.

Governor Foot noted that the Labour Party and others were demanding the cessation of all security measures and military operations against the EOKA underground movement, because the movement had declared a truce.

"Those who follow this line of talk are servants of violence, though not all of them may realise it," Sir Hugh added.

Foot said the British would never give "a blank cheque for

intimidation" and added "there will be no bargain with violence."

He made it clear that only abandonment of violence would finish the present emergency on the island.

But he said he thought the chances of settlement of the Cyprus question were now greater than ever before.

Sir Hugh said he thought the eventual solution would be that each community would run its own affairs but would come together to play their part in governing the island as a whole. —U.P.I.

## OUT!—Cap Hit Wicket

Wellington, Jan. 13. YOUNG New Zealand cricketers are wondering whether they should discard their caps when batting, as a result of an incident in a county match here.

In one of the most unusual dismissals on record, the young batsman was out hit wicket.

He stepped out to meet the ball. It hit him on the body, travelled up his chest and clipped him smartly under the chin.

His head shot back with the shock and his cap fell off and dislodged the balls. The cap was left hanging on one of the stumps. —China Mail Special.

## ENGLAND MAKES A STAND

Sydney, Jan. 14.

After another disastrous start, England managed to make a stand in the fifth day of the Third Test match here, hitting up 100 after lunch for the loss of three wickets.

In the morning, Arthur Millen was caught by Davidson off Bennett and a little later Trevor Bailey was caught by Simpson off Bennett. The opening wickets fell at 89.

After lunch, May and Graveney made a stand bringing the score up from 39 to 64 before Graveney was leg before by Davidson with the score at 64 for three.

Cowdrey then joined May and they brought the score up to 100 in the first hour after lunch. —Reuters.

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### Tea Score

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## Unmistakable Russian Make

# MYSTERY OBJECTS FOUND ON SEA BED

New York, Jan. 13.

A number of large radioactive steel devices of "unmistakable Russian make" have been found imbedded in the ocean floor off both the Atlantic and Pacific coasts of the North American continent.

Newspaper columnist Robert S. Allen wrote in the New York Post that some of the devices — discovered by the American and Canadian navies — were within the three-mile limit of both countries.

Naval authorities thought they were position markers to be used by Soviet submarines in a case of nuclear missile attacks against coastal cities, he said.

### PLANTED

The columnist said it was believed the devices had been planted by Soviet freighters and submarines which had been observed in coastal waters during recent years.

He said a decision to place the matter before the United Nations was under consideration. Washington officials did not wish to publicise the discoveries at present because this would be "inadvisable during the visit of the Soviet Deputy Premier, Mr. Anastas Mikoyan." — Reuter.

## A King Clashes With The Wine Shops

Oslo, Jan. 13.

A TRICKY point of protocol has been solved, a very quietly, in Norway, where King Olav succeeded his father, King Haakon, in 1957.

When he came to the throne, there was considerable discussion among historians as to whether he should be known as Olav IV or Olav V. Eventually the experts agreed that he should be known as King Olav V.

The new king then decided that his royal monogram should be an "O" with a "V" superimposed. This monogram will be used on coats of arms, documents, pillar-boxes, and uni-

forms, in the same way that "E II R" is used in Britain.

Unfortunately an identical monogram has been used for many years as the trade mark of the State wine and liquor monopoly in Oslo. The sign is used on all shops selling gin, whisky, brandy or table wines. This unfortunate similarity was pointed out discreetly to the king. But he insisted on retaining the monogram.

The difficulty has now been resolved. All Oslo's wine and liquor shops are changing their old, well-known trade mark. They now bear a new sign — that cannot possibly be confused with the royal monogram. — London Express Service.

## Japanese Crew For HK-Owned Freighter

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

The All-Japan Seamen's Union said today 39 Japanese seamen would man a new 8,500-ton freighter of Liborian registration for two years.

A spokesman said a contract to the effect had been signed between the Union and the Far Eastern Panama Transport Company of Hongkong, owner of the freighter, which would be completed at the end of this month.

The 39 crew of the Miyaji Steamship Company will be paid in U.S. dollars.

The captain will receive a monthly salary of about 150,000 yen (£180) and the lowest paid member of the crew will receive 32,400 yen (£32 8s), according to a spokesman.

The spokesman said negotiations were also proceeding for a contract for the hiring of 33 Japanese to man a 47,000-ton oil tanker now being built at the Tsurumi Dockyard of the Japan Steel and Tube Company for an American carrier company.

The contract is expected to be signed later this month. — Reuter.

## Can Continue To Live In Portugal

Lisbon, Jan. 13.

General Humberto Delgado, defeated presidential candidate, could continue to live in Portugal unmolested if he respects the laws, the Information Secretary Moreira Baptista said today. Baptista called a special news conference to discuss Delgado, who was withdrawn from active service earlier this month and sought refuge on Monday in the Brazilian Embassy here. — France-Press.

## Cabinet Minister Leaves Hospital



Mr. Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, who has been in the Middlesex Hospital for a tonsil operation, says goodbye and thanks to student nurse Miss A. V. Desch of Newbury, Berkshire, before returning to his London residence. — Central Press Photo.

## ABBEY ALARM

London, Jan. 13.

A burglar alarm, set off in error, sent police cars from all surrounding stations racing early today to Westminster Abbey.

A cordon was thrown round the church, all lights switched on and a thorough search made before police were satisfied.

Most likely attention for raiders is the Stone of Scone, ancient coronation throne of Scottish kings now kept at the Abbey for all coronations but still claimed for Scotland by extreme nationalists. — China Mail Special.

## Air Crash Pilot Criticised

San Francisco, Jan. 13.

The pilot of a British Commonwealth Pacific Airliner was accused today of violating safety regulations when the plane crashed near here in 1953, killing 19 people including the concert pianist William Kapell.

This accusation was made in U.S. District Court by Melvin Belli, attorney for the families of two victims of the crash who are seeking a total of \$500,000 in damages from the airline.

Mr. Belli called ten witnesses to tell how and when they saw the plane pass overhead just before the crash.

The purpose of this evidence was to establish that the plane was eight miles off course and that its pilot disobeyed instructions that he keep the plane at least 500 feet above cloud level over the coast.

The airliner ploughed into King Mountain, 2,301 feet high and about 25 miles south of here. — U.P.I.

## HAINAN ISLAND TO BE CHINA'S "SHOW PIECE"?

Tokyo, Jan. 13.

China appears to be building up its southern island of Hainan as a "show piece" to rival American-aided development of Formosa.

The island, situated off the Luchow peninsula, is ideal for showing Asia and the rest of the world the merits of the Communist system.

Hainan and Formosa are almost identical in size (Hainan, 13,500 square miles; Formosa, 13,300).

The people of both islands include Chinese families who have been on them for ages and those who are recent arrivals. Aborigine tribes are found on both though in total population Formosa's roughly 10 million people greatly outnumber Hainan's estimated 2.8 million.

America has been pouring millions of dollars in economic aid into Formosa on top of millions for military purposes to make Formosa the "show place of democracy" in Asia.

Meanwhile, the Communists

have been building up Hainan with both men and material.

The Communist efforts in Hainan at present are centred on a huge dam, one of the nation's biggest and a huge water reservoir power station complex and irrigation canals.

While it will irrigate thousands of acres of land a canal network will relieve other thousands of acres of excess water.

The Communists are not sparing the whip to complete the project. Originally work on the dam was to be completed in 1961. Now the schedule calls for completing the dam by May this year with irrigation and power generation to begin next winter.

The speedup, the Communists report, is to give impetus to industrial development and rural electrification.

In addition to the obvious propaganda value of rapid development of Hainan, any development there will pay off huge dividends.

The island is rich in minerals — gold, silver, lead, iron and tin. It exports rice, Rubber, cotton, coconuts, oil palm, sisal hemp, century plants, coffee, cocoa, cloves, citronella and cinchona also come from there.

But even without any propaganda or economic value, the island is still most important.

In any large-scale fighting in Southeast Asia it could be as strategically important, if not more so, than Formosa.

The Japanese recognised Hainan's military importance during World War II and had a large air field there accommodating Navy and Army facilities. — U.P.I.

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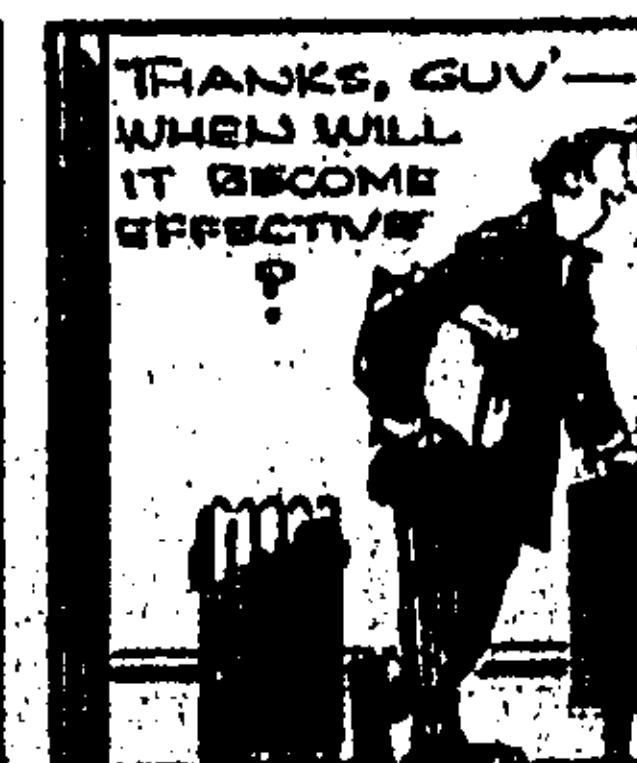
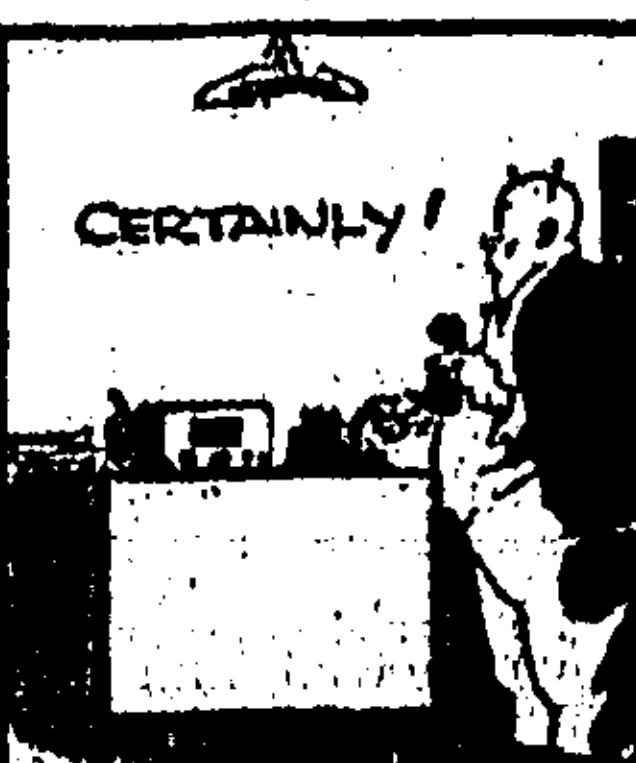
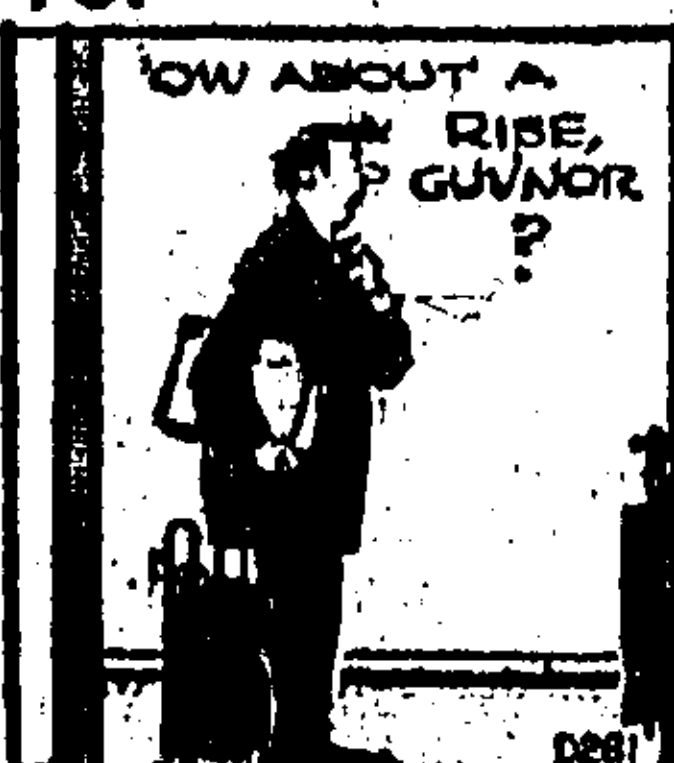
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# THE SORROWFUL PRINCESS GOES ON THE TOWN



She SNAPS her fingers, winks... her companion raises bowler. She PURSES her lips; aims streamer...



She BLOWS a toy trumpet... to a tambourine

● Sad? Unhappy? Princess Boraya, who has been both for a long time now, puts on a beribboned hat, lots fly with paper streamers, makes music with a toy trumpet... and ENJOYS herself.

Boraya's sadness and unhappiness began last April when her husband, the Shah of Persia, divorced her because she was childless. The sadness ended, temporarily at least, at the St Moritz party where these pictures were taken.

Boraya's companion was Austria's Duke von Thurn und Taxis.

A UPI cable from Milan today says Boraya's mother has said: "My daughter can not marry before the Shah has contracted a new matrimony."

Eva Esfandiari, mother of Boraya, was quoted in an exclusive interview with the Italian weekly "Europeo."

"During the Shah's recent visit to Geneva he had a talk with my husband in the course of which he said that under no conditions could Boraya marry before he did," she said.

Mrs Esfandiari said that this was the reason that Boraya at present has no matrimonial plans.

## No. 2 Russian In New York

# MORE BANNER-WAVING PICKETS GREET MIKOYAN

New York, Jan. 13.

The Soviet Deputy Premier, Anastas I. Mikoyan, arrived from Los Angeles tonight at Idlewild Airport, where he was met by a handful of Iron Curtain refugees shouting "Red murderers."

More than 200 policemen were stationed at the airport to head off any violence by demonstrators. Only about 20 to 30 pickets showed up.

Police kept them in a parking lot area, about four blocks from where Mr Mikoyan's plane landed.

Mr Mikoyan and his party were whisked to waiting limousines without the demonstrators being able to catch a glimpse of him.

The pickets carried placards that read: "Don't try to cut our throats, Mikoyan." "Berlin is just one step of Red expansion to the West." "Today, Berlin, tomorrow Washington."

The pickets at the airport included Dr Bela Fabian, chairman of the Federation of Former Hungarian Prisoners.

He waved a placard that read: "Six returned, where are the eleven other American airmen?" That was a reference to the crash of an American Air Force plane behind the Iron Curtain last year.

### Prison Dress

Some of the pickets wore striped black and white prison garb over their regular clothes.

The uniforms were replicas of that worn by prisoners of the Soviet Union.

Dr Fabian and the other pickets protested against the police insistence that they remain well away from the Mikoyan party.

"When Churchill was here, the Communist pickets were permitted to come very close to him. I want to get the same treatment that the Communists got when they picketed Mr Churchill,"—U.P.I.

## Indian Chief Apologises For Modern Savages

Durand, Mich., Jan. 13.

An Indian chief has sent the Soviet First Deputy Premier, Mr Mikoyan, an apology for demonstrations against him by "modern savages" during his visit to Detroit last Thursday.

Chief White Bird, of the Chippewa Tribe in Michigan, wrote to the Soviet leader: "When the white men first came to America we Indians treated them as guests should be treated."

"We continued to treat them as guests as long as they conducted themselves as guests. We were often referred to as uncivilised savages."

"You being a visitor to this one-time Indian territory of Michigan, I must apologise for the way some of the modern savages behaved while you were here."

"So far you have conducted yourself very well during your stay here..."—Reuter.

## Mercy Killing

London, Jan. 13.

The London Appeals Court today reduced from three years' imprisonment to one year the sentence of a father found guilty of the "mercy killing" of his 12-year-old daughter.

The father, William. Moodie, administered poison to the child, who was a congenital idiot, and she died in her sleep last October.

His defence was that there was no hope of improving her condition and he wished to spare the child's mother her long ordeal.—France-Press.

## Pimple Suicide

London, Jan. 13.

An Irish hotel maid in London, Miss Collette Margaret Cunningham, aged 20, passed herself because she had pimples on her face. A London inquest was told today.—China Mail Special.

## China Takes New Step In "Big Leap Forward"

Red China's financial and trade organisations have been ordered to step up their efforts to get more consumer goods to the mainland's 65 million persons.

The New China News Agency reported today that Communist Party workers at a recent national conference were told "to start with revolutionary enthusiasm" for a greater turn for more rural commodities and more commodity production to meet people's needs.

They were called on to encourage light industry and to promote a more diversified economy in the people's communes.

Expanded light industry would ensure the production of more consumer goods, the party workers were told, while more varied rural economies would guarantee "greater supplies of vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs."

A four-point programme for 1959 was laid out for the financial and trade organisations, and three of the points emphasised consumer goods. These are the principal points:

● Help agriculture and industry take a "big leap forward." ● Encourage light industry for the production of consumer goods, and diversified economy in the people's communes to ensure greater supplies of

vegetables, meat and other foodstuffs.

● Plan purchase and distribution carefully to meet consumer demands.

The programme is the latest in a series of recent effort by the Peking regime to get sorely needed consumer goods into circulation and to provide the Chinese with greater incentives.—U.P.I.

## Zsa Zsa Engaged

New York, Jan. 13.

Hollywood screen actress Zsa Zsa Gabor announced that she was engaged to be married for the fourth time. The future husband is Hal Hayes, a rich contractor from California.

Miss Gabor who is of Hungarian origin, showed newspapermen here a 42-carat diamond engagement ring given her by Hayes.—France-Press.

## No Release For Pilot

Frankfurt, Jan. 13.

The United States has turned down an East German offer to release an American pilot the Communists have held in custody since December 5.

John M. Allison, American Ambassador in Prague, said tonight that the East Germans had offered to turn over Lieut. Mackin, 27, of Washington, D.C. but he said the offer was declined.

This is because the U.S. does not recognise the East German regime and wants to deal with the Soviets.

The East Germans earlier accused the Americans of blocking the release.—U.P.I.

## Ex-Prisoner Mayor's Aide

Singapore, Jan. 14.

The Singapore Public Service Commission has named a former political prisoner as secretary to the Mayor, Mr Ong Eng Guan.

Mr Jock Yuen Thong, 28, former chief reporter of the defunct Chinese newspaper Sin Pao, was detained under the Preservation of Public Security Ordinance for eight months.

He was released last April. Mr Jock has been a temporary clerk in the Mayor's office since last June.—Reuter.

## Malaya Disease

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 13.

Pellomycitis, diphtheria and influenza have been running high in Malaya, according to government health figures issued today.—Reuter.

## Lost Radium Found In Rubbish Dump

Halifax, Nova Scotia, Jan. 13.

A radium needle which had been missing from the Victoria General Hospital here for about 24 hours was found late today in the city rubbish dump by a search team of doctors, civil defence workers and naval servicemen.

The tiny silvery tube is about the size of a darning needle.

It was first missed from one of the hospital operating rooms yesterday afternoon.

After the hospital had been checked with geiger counters the hunt shifted to the dump on the theory that the needle had been swept out by a hospital cleaner.

The radiation emitted from the needle was sufficient to cause damage if in contact with a person for any length of time.—U.P.I.

## Explorers Meet

Oslo, Jan. 13.

Sir Vivian Fuchs, the British scientist and Antarctic explorer today met 86-year-old Olav Bjaland, the only surviving member of the Roald Amundsen expedition which reached the South Pole in 1911.

Bjaland also attended a lecture given by Sir Vivian at Oslo University on the British Commonwealth trans-Antarctic crossing.—Reuter.

## New Pain Killer

Washington, Jan. 13.

The development of a pain-killing drug, expected to have a power at least ten times that of morphine, but with less addiction-forming tendencies, was announced today by Mr Arthur Fleming, the Secretary of Health and Welfare.

Mr Fleming said the new drug was still in an experimental and testing stage, though it had already been used on more than 200 people.

The secretary told a Press conference that the new drug, known as NIH7519, was developed by two scientists of the National Institute of Arthritis and Metabolic Diseases.

It is made from derivatives of coal tar, and is one of a new series of drugs called benzomorphines.—Reuter.

## Alleged Multi-Million \$ Thief Held

McAllen, Texas, Jan. 13.

Rolando Masferrer-Rojas, former Cuban Senator accused by Fidel Castro's rebels of fleeing the country with US\$17 million, was locked up in the McAllen Immigration Detention centre today.

Masferrer, his two brothers and three other men were flown in from Miami in the custody of Immigration officers.

They asked for political asylum in the United States. The Rebel Government of Fidel Castro charged that Masferrer was fallen Dictator Fulgencio Batista's representative in Oriente Province, where much of the bitter fighting of the revolution took place.

The rebels accused Masferrer of responsibility for many deaths in the province and said he had his own army.

They also accused him of leaving Cuba with \$17 million belonging to the Cuban people. The border patrol chief, J. Eldon Taylor, said the Masferrer and the three other men would be held in the detention centre until they could be

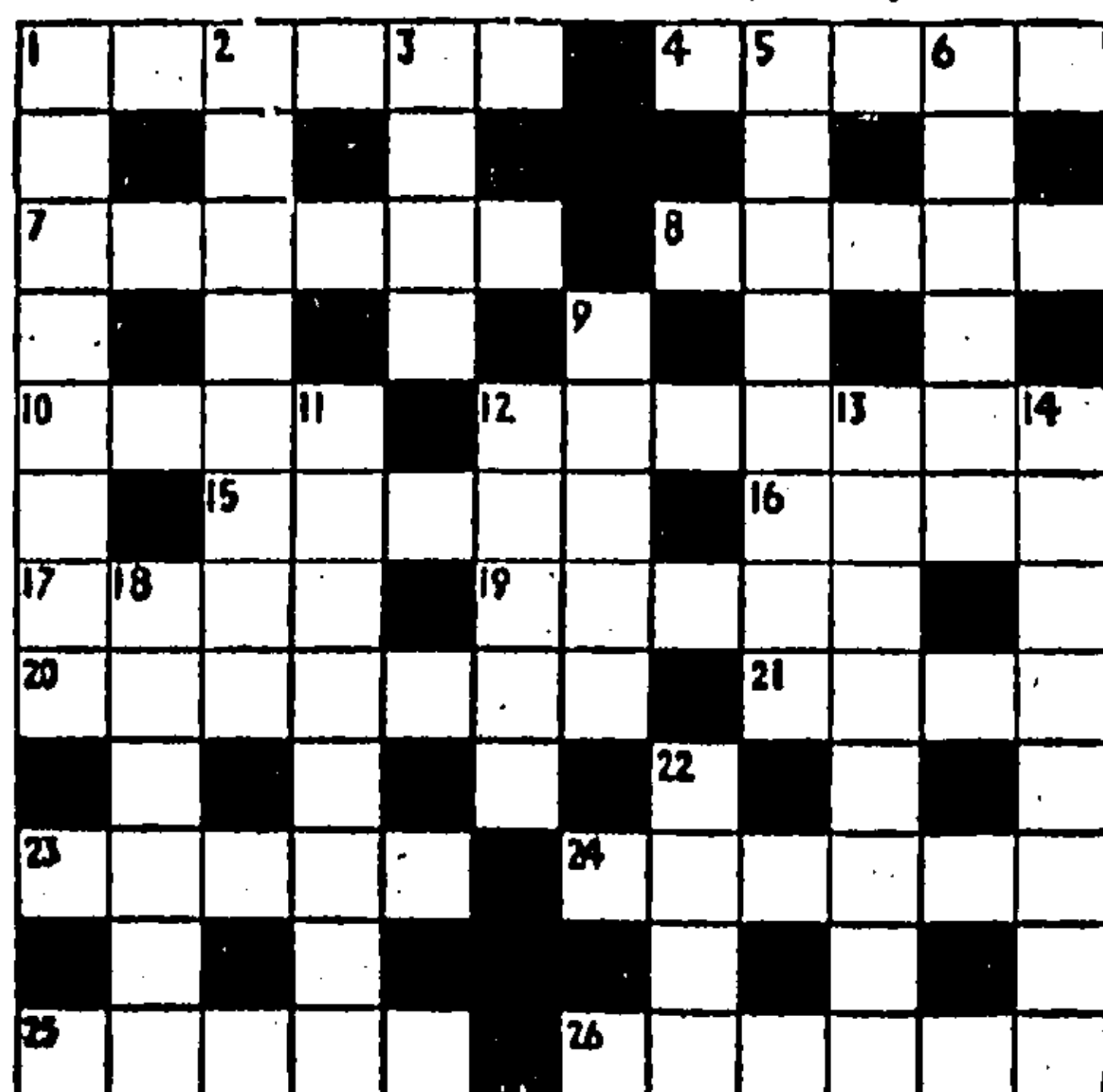
brought before a Board of Inquiry in Miami or McAllen.

The board will decide whether they would be allowed into the United States.

Fifteen people aboard the yacht were granted parole to enter the United States. The Masferrer and two of their servants were held on the yacht until they were flown to McAllen.

Immigration officials reported last week that they searched the yacht but found only insignificant amounts of money.—U.P.I.

## A British Crossword Puzzle



### ACROSS

- 1 Slight accidents (6).
- 4 Pale (5).
- 7 Pippins, perhaps (6).
- 8 Its keeper needs to keep his eyes open (5).
- 10 Spots (4).
- 12 Once offered, 'twas said, for a horse (7).
- 13 Down duck (5).
- 16 Country road (4).
- 17 Tea-makers (4).
- 19 Replant (5).
- 20 Adders? (7).
- 21 Despatched in tens (4).
- 23 Measure (5).
- 24 Mountain range (6).
- 25 Supports (5).
- 26 Expunge (6).

### DOWN

- 1 Be conspicuous (5, 3).
- 2 Not effective (6).
- 3 Allen's right (4).
- 5 Ailment (6).
- 6 Inventor (6).
- 9 Takes on (5).
- 11 Reluctively affectionate? (8).
- 12 Irish county which has the blues? (5).
- 13 Fruit producing palm (8).
- 14 Food store (4, 4).
- 15 Strong and healthy (6).
- 22 River (4).

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION.—Across: 3 Flat race, 8 Crusoe, 9 Parental, 11 Uncapped, 12 Arms, 13 Oscar, 16 Hoped, 19 Room, 22 Octobers, 24 Breather, 25 A-spire, 26 Sinecure. Down: 1 Scout, 2 Hutch, 3 Poppish, 4 Leap, 5 Tied, 6 Astors, 7 Enlist, 10 Recap, 14 Couch, 16 Remorse, 19 Probes, 21 Cave-rn, 20 Rain, 21 Essex, 22 Ode, 23 Tair.



## THE WORSHIPPERS OF ST. FANTAN...

## Bucking the Tiger

AS I have suggested from time to time, Hongkong was in some respects a very naughty town, and also from time to time, many of its former Governors were extremely depressed by the activities of various citizens.

The reasons I have given. While the Island has always had its quota of fine upstanding citizens of British, Chinese, and third nationals, it has always had more than its quota of mischievous subjects who thumbed their noses at all who wished to guide their feet onto the paths of righteousness.

It is necessary to repeat that many Chinese who came here, did so to avoid meeting certain gentlemen known as Mandarins who had arranged appointments with the local headmen in the localities where the aforesaid unruly citizens lived.

So, in a way Hongkong was a sort of sanctuary for many who were pirates by trade. They in turn were joined by many Europeans who, while not pirates, had such inclinations that they might have been, were it not for the fact that the British Navy had almost put the pirates out of business.

This is all to say that there was room for a very great deal of improvement.

Having, I hope made that clear, I now want to draw your attention to two villages. If you have a map, you will easily find Shamshui, which is now afforded a measure of respectability, for the Army have a camp and a Command Workshop there.

But in the days I wish to discuss, it was a very wicked place.

Now Kowloon City. This was another wicked place, and it cost the respectable citizens of Hongkong much heartache as I shall now relate.

The English and the Chinese have a great deal in common, at anyone who has lived here for any length of time will tell you. This is, as persons who get out and about. But of all things they have in common, none is so common as the love of having a flutter.

Many of the institutions established in Hongkong have earned Chinese admiration. The fine hotels, the Botanical Gardens, the University of Hongkong, but the admiration for these is exceeded by the draining of Happy Valley and the making of the Race Course.

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There, all nationalities melt in the crucible of betting the horses. In fact, I think if all the world were a race track, and all men and women merely backers, we could solve all international difficulties.

But to return to yesterday. We all remember from our Sunday school days of Sodom and Gomorrah, and how in the end, these two cities caught it properly. Well, if any two cities were asking for it during the last half of the nineteenth century, they were Shamshui and Kowloon City.

In 1855, Sir John Bowring was the Governor who tried to do something about a tendency towards gambling. On the face of it, it was a good idea. He decided to evangelise the in-

By

JOHN LUFF

Chinese territory. They were merely small Chinese villages, but had a vicious reputation. In fact, their only revenue was vice and gambling, and they were under the control of a Mandarin who made a very fine thing out of it.

Do not imagine all you had to do to get there was jump on a bus at the Star Ferry, and go there. There was no Nathan Road. There was a kind of track which followed the sea-line round, and it ran through the village of Yau-mat.

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But this did not deter the boys. There was no racial distinction, and the Chinese welcomed the European lads from Hongkong who visited them.

Of course during the day, the Europeans, who used to work themselves in those days, kept the lads' noses to the desk too late to go so far as Shamshui, but on Sunday afternoons, a special steam launch used to run to accommodate them.

This used to run through the week also for those who could get off, but Sunday seems to have been the big day.

Things got so bad that Mr. Fraser Smith of the Hongkong Telegraph ran this sizzling lead-in article on March 10, 1890.

"For some years past we have, from time to time, directed the attention of the Hongkong Government to the pernicious gambling which is permitted to go unchecked in the Chinese villages of Sam-shui-po and Kowloon, which are situated on the borders of British Territory. It is almost needless to say that

the reason for the last bit of legislation is easy to see: the servants, who are the backbone of the community, and the police were most enthusiastic, for it saved their fore feet from walking round looking for such citizens who were borrowing from the various tills.

But a few gentlemen of the clerical profession who felt it their duty to protest, started agitating. The Reverend F. S. Turner of the London Mission with the Reverend D. B. Morris, minister of the Union Church, and four missionaries, raised rather violent protest.

The lads of those days could express themselves very well in print, and there was quite a bit of mud-slinging as well as ink-slinging.

One Hongkong wit coined a term that had the Colony laughing; he dubbed them the "Moralists".

But the six were one too many for the lads, and the scheme for licensed gambling houses was dropped in 1871.

You might say, this is all very well, but you told us to look for Shamshui and Kowloon City. Well, all this brings me to that. In those days, Shamshui and Kowloon City were in

the fear of raising an international question with its attendant difficulties has hitherto prevented the Executive Council of this Colony from taking any active steps to put a stop to this very fruitful source of serious crime in our midst.

Those who have read the former articles will now know why Fraser Smith wrote this scathing attack which follows.

"With a very few exceptions, Hongkong Government Officials are quite content to draw their salaries and allowances for supervising in a more or less perfunctory manner the routine work of their various offices, without troubling themselves as to the real interest of the public, from whom they receive their generally easily earned wages."

"And we do not hesitate to assert that our public interests have been most prejudicially affected by the existence of the low-class gambling hells in the places above named being ignored, nay, almost recognised by the Hongkong Government."

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"It used to be common custom, and we have no doubt that it still is at the present time, for crowds of a certain section of the community, including women and children, to go over in steam-launches to Sam-shui-po and pass their Sunday afternoons in filthy Chinese dens, gambling at pao-chi and fan-tan, teaching a new generation the very worst forms of vice."

"And it is notorious—too notorious, alas—that the wretched conglomeration of Chinese hovels known as Kowloon City is the favourite rendezvous of a

considerable number of the British and foreign community, persons occupying prominent positions in the Colony."

The laws of China expressly prohibit gambling of every description, and so severe are the penalties against the keepers that even in the huge city of Canton, where official bribery is the most prominent feature of mandarin government, these popular games have to be played strictly under the rose.

"As a matter of fact, the recognised centre and only legalised home of fan-tan in South China is in the Holy City of Macao, licensed under the seal of His Most Christian Majesty, the King of Portugal and Algarves."

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"At Sam-shui-po and Kowloon the gambling is carried on without interference from the authorities simply because the petty mandarins in charge of these places are bribed by the keepers of gaming houses to ignore what daily goes on."

"Steam-launches run frequently from here to Kowloon and Sam-shui-po, not only during the day, but also late at night, a considerable portion of the passengers are bound on the same mission—to 'buck the tiger,' as fan-tan has suggestively been named."

"The Hongkong Police do not hesitate to say that a large proportion of the Chinese visitors are shroffs, and office boys and domestic servants in European employ in this Colony."

"Is it any wonder therefore, that petty pilfering is rather the rule than the exception in almost every house and office in Hongkong?"

"The European worshippers at the shrine of St. Fantan are of many nations and of various positions in social life, and it is a matter of great surprise that persons of position, educa-



THE City Hall—opened by the Duke of Edinburgh in 1869. It contained a theatre, two halls, a music-room, public library and reading room, a museum and the offices of the Chamber of Commerce.

tion, and refinement can so lower themselves as to become regular habitués of such unclean dens of infamy and vice, the associates of evil-smelling coolies, the patrons of the least interesting and most degrading form of gambling known on the face of the globe."

I particularly like that literary gem, 'worshippers at the shrine of St. Fantan.'

It took a little time—heaven did not seem in a hurry—but on February 8, 1891, fire broke out in Shamshui-po. In one night, the whole place was wiped out, and damage amounting to \$30,000 was caused. Contemporary reports do not hesitate to suggest that many of those who had lifted their voices against this village, considered the fire as less a vindication, but more of a response to their petitioning.

But Shamshui-po took the fire in its stride, because by August 26 of the same year, the whole thing was going at full swing, crushing this letter to be addressed to the editor of the Hongkong Telegraph.

"Only last week it was currently reported that owing to friendly pressure which the local Government brought to bear on the Viceroy of Canton, these dens of infamy had been finally doomed to extinction, but unfortunately the rumour was without foundation."

"It would be alike interesting and useful to have this point finally decided, as the necessary measures for their suppression could then be framed in accordance with the requirements of the case."

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"I visited the place on the Lord's Day just to satisfy myself as to the truth of the many harrowing tales I had heard of the doings there, and was wounded to the soul to see, alas more than I had ever dreamed of."

"There were men, and women too, of the various social grades who with nerv-

ous clutch and strained gaze either gathered in their unhallowed gales, or watched their piles diminishing."

"Truly a pitiable sight! ..."

"A CLERGYMAN"

Now that letter reads a bit hollow to me, and I wonder if 'A Clergyman' was not over to buck the tiger himself, when he was spotted by one of his flock.

To find himself wounded to the soul in these parts over a fan-tan game is a bit far-fetched. However, as the literature of Mrs. Humphrey Ward has made plain, that was the manner of expression expected from the clergy of those days.

Well, people still 'buck the tiger,' and 'chase the dragon,' and all the laws that can be made cannot stop them from so doing.

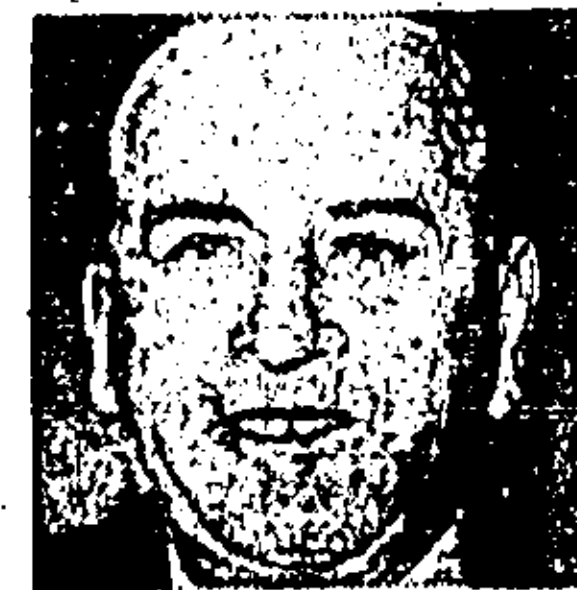
A few years ago, it was quite common for people to go over to Macao to 'buck the tiger,' but at the moment, I never remember the Colony so well behaved, easily the most respectable town in the Far East.

Saturday:

THE FIRST TOURISTS

## ONE OF BRITAIN'S TOP JOURNALISTS PRESENTS HIS STARS OF 1958

## Well, at least one man said what he thought!



SIR WILLIAM ROOTES  
Down-to-earth.

By ALEXANDER THOMSON

AS the most OUT-SPOKEN man of the year I nominate Mr. John Davis, right-hand man to Lord Rank in the "celluloid" empire of the Rank Organisation.

It was in a glittering room deep in the heart of Mayfair that he let fly a few months ago.

"Some of our young stars 'simply won't' stand the hard-working Mr. Davis."

"They appear in one or two films, receive encouraging notices from the critics, then start getting big ideas."

"They lose their sense of proportion. They make outrageous demands ... They become quite impossible."

It's crazy

In saying that, he said what many of us must surely feel.

It is a crazy system that has brought the little twinkling lights in the firmament of entertainment pay packets that make those of our top scientists, on which the future of Britain depends, look like chicken feed, and which many of our top men in industry must envy.

So thank you, Mr. John Davis! The most DOWN TO EARTH man of the year? I award that prize to Sir William Rootes, the car millionaire.

Do you remember the ballyhoo that greeted the scrapping of the last of the 'never-never' controls in the autumn?

In the first few carefree minutes of that free-for-all, you were told you could drive away a new car for as little as a five-down. From Sir William came cold words of reason: "It is entirely wrong to persuade people to buy things they are not able to afford. I would like to see stability, not stunts."

By now, the facts of economic life will no doubt have caught

up with quite a few of the over-hasty.

As the bills roll in at the year's end, I imagine some are wishing that they had paid more attention to Sir William's sound advice.

These two are sparkling and colourful personalities. As the BOLDEST man of the year, here is a 72-year-old Yorkshireman who is plain and homely, as well as forthright.

He is Mr. Algernon Denham, the "lone ranger" of the building societies and head of Britain's biggest, the Halifax. Denham is the only one of the big bosses in the societies to announce a cut in the interest rate on home loans because of this year's reductions in Bank rate.

As long ago as last August, he said he was lowering his rate to home buyers from 6 p.c. to 5½ p.c.

At the time, he declared: "I don't think building societies can go on indefinitely ignoring the downward trend in interest rates."

But the powerful Building Societies' Association, of which the Halifax is not a member, has not budged itself yet. It is still saying that the old 6 p.c. is the correct rate for home loans.

Ahead again

It is a "new boy" to the world of finance and big business who I suggest has caused the BIGGEST STIR of the past year.

This distinction I give to 67-year-old Lord Monckton, who after his triumphs as a lawyer and Tory Labour Minister is now chairman of the Midland Bank.

Think back on how he startled the City by launching the Midland's new "personal loans" scheme for buying anything from cars to TVs on

"never-never" loans from the And then Monckton jumped ahead again with a "personal cheque" plan for workers to give up to follow his lead, as cloth-cap banking.



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# England In Precarious Position

## LOSE OPENING PAIR FOR ONLY 39 RUNS BEFORE LUNCH

Meckiff Injured, Unable To Bowl

Sydney, Jan. 14.

England were in a precarious position at lunch on the fifth day of the third Test here today, having lost their opening pair for 39 runs — still 99 behind with eight wickets standing.

The position at the adjournment was:—  
England: 219 and 39 for two.

Australia: 357.

Richie Benaud, the Australian captain, captured both wickets in a matter of minutes.

He had Arthur Milton caught by Davidson for eight at 30, and then ended a good knock by Trevor Bailey — out to a great running catch by Bobby Simpson fielding as a substitute — for 25 at 37.

The Australian pace attack was early today reduced to one man — Alan Davidson — when Ian Meckiff left the field unable to complete his second over.

It was later announced that Meckiff who had bruised a tendon in his heel in the Melbourne Test, aggravated the injury in the only over he bowled last night.

He was unlikely to bowl again in this match.

### Six Off Meckiff

Benaud claimed his two victims this morning for 18 runs in eight overs, including two maidens.

Davidson yielded only two runs in six overs. His first four overs were maidens.

At the interval Graveney was 5 and Peter May still to score.

Before a large crowd including members of the Australian selection committee, headed by Sir Donald Bradman, Davidson opened with a maiden to Bailey but the batsmen took six off Meckiff—three each by Bailey and Milton—to open the fifth day's scoring.

Davidson's second over was also a maiden but Meckiff, after bowling five balls — including a wide — in his second over, left the field and was replaced by Australia's 12th man, Bobby Simpson.

### Promptly Cracked

It was announced that Meckiff hurt his Achilles tendon in bowling the only over last night. Benaud came on after Meckiff's departure and Bailey promptly cracked the Australian captain to the ropes for the first four of the innings.

Weather conditions were ideal, with bright sunshine and a tempering northeast breeze. The pitch appeared to be playing easily, with Benaud able to make the turn a little.

After bowling four successive maidens Davidson yielded his first run when Bailey put him away for a single.

After the first 45 minutes England had wiped out 20 of the first innings deficit of 138.

At 25 Keith Slater joined Benaud to make it an all-spin attack and his first over was a maiden. Then Benaud broke the stand as Milton edged to Davidson after scoring only eight—and England had lost their first wicket for 30.

### Turned A Little

The ball appeared to have turned a little from the off and caught the inside edge of Milton's bat to give Davidson an easy catch.

In the next over Benaud claimed his second wicket as Simpson made a great running catch to dismiss Bailey for 25 — and England had lost their opening pair for 37.

The ball was well pitched up to Bailey, who swept it to backward square leg for the substitute bowler, standing at forward square leg, to make a splendid catch.

At lunch England were two for 39, with Graveney 5 and May still to score.

### After Lunch

May began very shakily after lunch and, contrary to his usual style, flailed tentatively at several balls off his offstump from both Benaud and Davidson.

Graveney, however, settled down quickly and 21 runs came

in 20 minutes, including two fours by Graveney.

At 64 Graveney had a life when, playing forward to a well pitched delivery from Davidson, he edged it behind but Grout failed to hold the catch.

Before the end of the same over, however, Davidson dismissed Graveney leg before with a full toss for 22—and England were three down for 61.

Graveney appeared to have been deceived by the pace of the delivery.

### Indifferent Start

Cowdrey, joining May, started indifferently, and after edging the first ball from Davidson he was ripped on the pads by Benaud for a disallowed appeal. But the Kent batsman soon settled down and carried his score past his captain's with two fours, a three and a two.

The first hour after lunch produced 52 runs to make England 91 for three.

After six overs each Benaud and Davidson gave way to Slater and Ken McKay in a double change, and the score advanced only four runs in the next 15 minutes.

Benaud came back after McKay had two overs for four runs and Cowdrey pulled him for four to send England's total of 100, in 175 minutes.

Slater, in his ninth over, gave seven extras with two deliveries which found a spot about a foot off the offstump and turned sharply to whiz past the keeper. Slater next bowled a maiden as he kept aiming at the spot, twice hitting Cowdrey on the pads.—Reuter.

### Lunch Scoreboard

ENGLAND—1st Innings—219

AUSTRALIA—1st Innings—357

ENGLAND

2nd Innings

T. E. Bailey c Simpson b

Benaud ..... 25

A. Milton c Davidson b

Benaud ..... 9

Benaud ..... 5

T. W. Graveney, not out

P. B. H. May, not out

Extras ..... 1

Total for two wickets

39

Fall of wickets: 1/30, 2/37.

### Bowling Analysis

O. M. R. W.

Meckiff ..... 2.5 0 7 0

Davidson ..... 6 4 2 0

Benaud ..... 8 2 18 2

Slater ..... 5 1 11 0

—Reuter.

## WORLD BASKETBALL TOURNEY BEGINS FRIDAY WITH U.S.A. AND RUSSIA TOP FAVOURITES

Most of the 16 countries participating in the third World Basketball Championships starting here next Friday, Jan. 16, are already in Chile.

Santiago, Jan. 13.

### CONZALES, SEDGMAN WIN PRO SEMI-FINALS

The Russian and American delegations arrived two days ago and they are already in the cities outside Santiago where they will compete in the first round of the tournament. Also here are the other Latin American countries competing.

Today the delegations from Canada, the United Arab Republic and Formosa arrived by air.

The Canadians, headed by Fred Colten, left for the southern city of Temuco where they will play with Brazil, Russia and Mexico in the first round.

The UAR delegation left for the southern city of Concepcion, where they will compete with the USA, Argentina and Formosa. The latter also arrived today and left by train for that southern city.

### No Protests Yet

Colten said that Russia was their favourite to win, but Yi Jun, chairman of the Formosa delegation, thought that the USA would keep the world title. Joo said they expected to reach the semi-finals and predicted the Formosa team would beat Argentina and the UAR.

William Jones, Secretary General of the FIBA (International Basketball Federation) said he had not received any protests yet regarding the fixtures of the tournament, which Uruguay and Mexico had said was not fair.—U.P.I.

### US Swimmers To Visit Japan

New York, Jan. 13.

The American Athletic Union bulletin today announced that an American team of 15 swimmers and one diver would visit Japan in July.

The swimming team will be selected during the Los Angeles swimming championships which will be staged between July 8 and 12.

The team will leave the United States on July 4 and will return in time for the qualification trials for the United States for the Pan-American Games.—France-Press.

### Malayans Want Australian Team

Kuala Lumpur, Jan. 13.

The Malayan Cricket Association has asked the Australian High Commissioner, Mr. T. K. Critchley, for his help in persuading the Australian Cricket Team to visit Malaya.

The Malayan Association wants the Australian side to play two games here on its way back from India later this year.

Mr. Critchley has also been asked to help arrange a Malayan tour for the E.M.U. Club of Sydney this year.—China Mail Special.

## Want A Yacht? THE 'SCEPTRE' IS FOR SALE

by WILLIAM HICKEY

London.

BRITAIN'S ill-fated America's Cup challenger, the 12-metre yacht Sceptre, is to be put up for sale. Offers must exceed \$15,000, a figure which is probably rather less than half her original cost.

Sceptre will be sold with her racing sails. It is possible she may leave this country.

At least one foreign bidder is among five wealthy yachtmen already interested.

Mr. Hugh Goodson, chairman of the Royal Yacht Squadron syndicate which owns Sceptre, said last night that he and his colleagues had decided to put her on the open market to give other interested yachtmen a chance to bid.

British yachtmen will naturally hope that the highest bidder will come from this country. Mr. Goodson said: "Sceptre would be a very desirable trial horse for the next challenge."

### New Challenge?

He added that he would be associated with the next challenge only to the extent of passing on the knowledge he has gained to whoever makes the challenge. He intimated that an announcement about a new challenge might be made in the near future.

Mr. Owen Aisher, who probably did more than anyone else to help Sceptre's challenge, said: "I hope she falls into good hands. It would be a pity if she left this country because she would at least be a yardstick with which to compare the next challenger. Let's hope the highest bidder is an Englishman."

Mr. Aisher spent a large sum of money on putting his own 12-metre, Etoile, into racing trim to act as Sceptre's trial horse during her trials.

Throughout the tuning and crew training period Mr. Aisher and his skipper, Stanley Bishop, drove Etoile to her utmost to make Sceptre go even faster.

### Rumanian Basketball Deserter

Paris, Jan. 13.

Florin Cucos, the 6 feet 8½ inches giant, who deserted Rumania's national basketball team to seek political asylum in France, today signed up with the French Club, St. Charles, of Alfortville.

Cucos made his escape after playing for Rumania against France at Mulhouse last Saturday.

Two of Rumania's international basketball players, Boreescu and Nihaliescu, who immigrated to France, are also members of the St. Charles Club.—France-Press.

### Asia's Fastest Sprinter Back In Form

Rawalpindi, Jan. 13.

Pakistan's Jamadar Abdul Khaliq, Asia's former fastest sprinter who has been nursing a knee injury since last year's Empire Games at Cardiff returned to form today.

In the Army trials here he clocked 10.4 seconds for the 100 metres sprint. This was one of his best times for the distance and he again becomes Pakistan's hope for the 1960 Olympic Games in Rome.—France-Press.

### MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN



### By Lee Falk and Phil Davis



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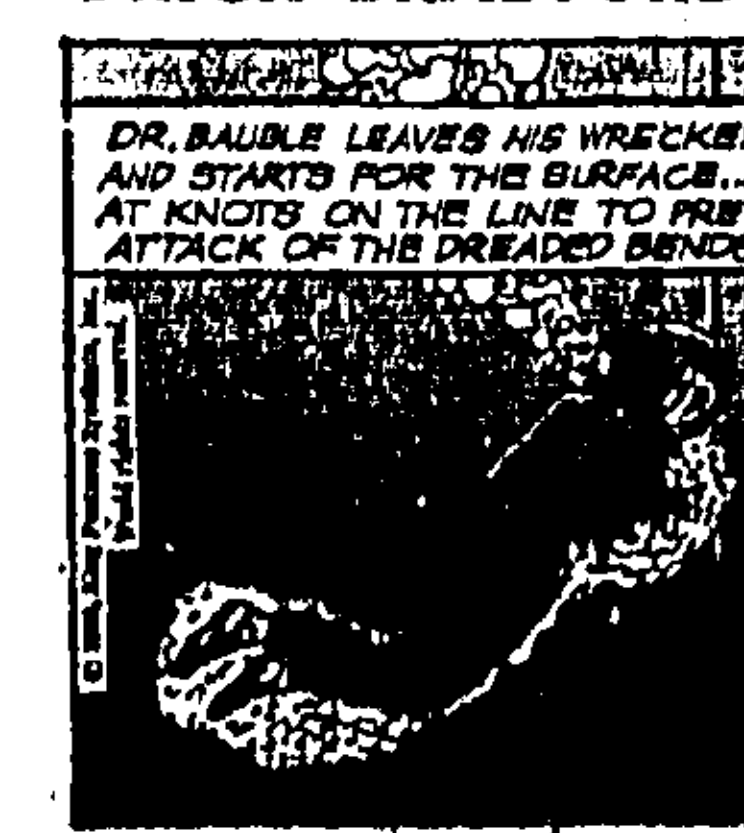
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# Junk Begins 11,000-Mile Journey On Friday

## UNIVERSITY REGISTRAR RETURNS

Mr Bernard Mellor, Registrar of the University of Hongkong, returned this morning in the ss President Hoover after a two-year secondment to the Colonial Office as Adviser for colonial scholars in North America.

He was accompanied by his wife and three children.

Attached to the British Embassy in Washington Mr Mellor travelled extensively in Canada and America. He visited 89 institutions of higher education in the two countries.

Mr Mellor traced and contacted 4,500 students from British colonies mainly from the West Indies and Hongkong and gave them advice on professional careers.

Before returning to Hongkong the Mellors spent a short holiday in Japan.

Among those who met Mr and Mrs Mellor on board were two of their five children, Marc and Nicholas, who flew in last August from Washington to begin the school term.

Also there to meet the family were the Rev. Canon A. P. Rose, Mr A. Rowe-Evans, who acted as Registrar during Mr Mellor's absence, Mr and Mrs I. M. Lightbody, Mrs P. J. Evans, Mr and Mrs D. Bland, Mr G. B. Endacott and others.

## ANOTHER COLD SURGE

Today's outlook is for warmer weather. But it will not be as warm as yesterday, because a very weak cold surge spread over the Colony this morning at about 8 a.m. according to a spokesman of the Royal Observatory.

Yesterday's maximum temperature was just slightly below 65 degrees, but the spokesman said that today's maximum is expected to be between 60 and 62 degrees.

At 7 a.m. at the Observatory today, the minimum temperature was 55 degrees. Fresh gusty winds are forecast for this afternoon and this evening. Short fair periods are likely this afternoon.

Captain Jose Maria Tey and his crew will put to sea in their junk, Rubia on Friday morning to start their 11,000-mile journey from Hongkong to their home, Barcelona.

Shipwrights, carpenters and mechanics are putting the finishing touches to the 35-ton junk in preparation for her trip which will take about six months.

## GOING TO BARCELONA



Jose Maria Tey, skipper of the Rubia, talks to reporters on board the junk this morning. In our picture he is seen pointing out features of his made-to-order junk which he will sail 11,000 miles to Barcelona.—China Mail Photo.

## £15,000 For Unemployed

London, Jan. 13.

A down and out former bricklayer with £2 to his name learned today he had won £15,045 for one penny on a football pool.

Mr Percy Barstow, 52, has lived on just over £3 National

Assistance a week in a London County Council lodging house since failing health made him give up work six months ago. He told reporters: "I don't want any cars or luxuries. All I want is a shave, some clothes and some sunshine for my health."—Reuter.

Captain Tey, who is the only member of the crew in possession of a master's certificate, said he and his crew including two Chinese hands took the junk out for a trial run recently and found her performance "beautiful".

He said he "fell in love" with the junk because of her lines and behaviour. "She is definitely dependable when things get a bit rough," he said.

The two Chinese crewmen, who are natives of Salkung in the New Territories, will help sail the ship to Singapore and then return to Hongkong.

## Big Ship

The Chinese hands, Sai Tcho and Chung Ah-kun, say they have been sailing in small craft only—20-footers.

This will be their first experience of handling a "big ship".

One other Chinese member of the crew is Mr Joseph Loui, 10, a trainee of the Hongkong Sea Training School. His job is cook and he has volunteered to get experience.

After reaching Spain, he says, his skipper has promised to find him employment and then he will try to go to Canada to see his father.

And about his Chinese cooking? "Well, I learned the technique from my mother," he says. Incidentally, his Spanish colleagues all say they like Chinese dishes and so he will have no difficulty in satisfying their appetites.

Skipper Tey said today that he will probably be sailing about 10 o'clock on Friday morning.

## Use Canvas

He will use canvas sails as far as Suez and on entering the Mediterranean. "Rubia will put on her traditional sail—the old fashion Chinese straw sail—just to look beautiful and original," Captain Tey said.

A keen sportsman and a good yachtsman, Mr Tey says he will not part with Rubia after this journey. He will sail her in the Olympic regatta in 1960, matching her against ships of many national designs.

Captain Tey says he likes the junk's name—for Rubia means "blonde" in Spanish and that reminds him of his fiancée, the comely Miss Tere de Salvador.

## MAN WITH "SHOCKING RECORD" GETS 3 MONTHS

A 25-year-old man, Cheung Ah-chai, who had 14 previous convictions, was today sentenced to three months' gaol at Central Magistracy this morning for soliciting for immoral purposes.

Police Constable 2338 testified that he arrested Cheung at Jaffe Road at 9.30 p.m. last Wednesday for the offence after warning him 20 minutes earlier at Luard Road not to do it again.

## Visit To Centre

The new Chairman of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, executive committee, Mr L. B. Trevor visited the SPC centre in Hospital Road, Salingoon this morning.

With him was Mrs W. C. G. Knowles, Chairman of the Women's Auxiliary. Mrs V. Picciotto, outgoing Chairman, and Mrs M. A. Meakins, General Secretary. They were received by Mrs M. Elias, Hon Branch Secretary.

## Coat Stolen

A jacket and a pair of gloves, to the total value of \$80, were stolen from a private car parked in Nathan Road yesterday afternoon.

## SPC Gets Clothes



Mrs M. A. Meakins (right), Gen. Secretary of the Society for the Protection of Children, is seen looking over some of the clothes which were collected by the Canadian Club. Mr Peter Joe, a member of the Club executive committee, handed over the clothes, which are part of five-and-a-half tons of clothing collected in Vancouver, for the poor of Hongkong.—China Mail Photo.

## Canadians Send Clothes For Hongkong Poor

A GIFT of five and a half tons of used clothing from the people of Canada to the poor in Hongkong was handed over to the representatives of five local charity organisations at Gloucester Road this morning.

The clothing was collected by members of the Chinese community in Vancouver and donations for the cost of transportation were sent from many parts of the country.

Members of the Canadian Club in Hongkong, who sponsored the project and helped to raise interest in Canada through one of their members, were present at the ceremony, headed by the President, Mr L. Smiley.

The gifts, which were flown by CPAL were transported to the Gloucester Road waterfront by junk.

They were distributed to Mrs T. W. Wheeler of the Hongkong Family Welfare Society, Mrs M. A. Meakins of the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Mr S. H. Whittier for the Church of Christ in China, Mr Roy Corner of the Lutheran Church and to Rev. Fr. C. H. Voth and Rev. Fr. J. Howatson of the Catholic Social Welfare Society.

Distribution of the clothing was arranged by Mrs P. Vezau, Chairman of the Welfare Committee of the Canadian Club.

## MAN KILLED IN NATHAN RD COLLISION

A 30-year-old man was killed in the Yau-mat district at 7.30 p.m. yesterday when the tandem he was riding collided with a bus in Nathan Road near its junction with Wing Sing Lane.

The man Cheung Chun-kai of No. 301, "S" Block, third floor, Shek Kip Mei Resettlement Area, died before admission to Kowloon Hospital.

A 27-year-old cyclist, Sum Shuk-chiu, was injured last night when he fell from his bicycle in Chaiwan Road near junction with Austin Road. Sum, who lives at No. 14, San Loui Street, rosemaine floor, was admitted to Kowloon Hospital for treatment.

## Stole Money From Her Room-Mate

A young seamstress who stole more than \$700 from her room-mate, and then went to the Police to report that someone had broken into their cubicle, pleaded guilty to charges of theft and giving false information to the Police today.

She was fined \$25 by Mr T. Creeden at Kowloon Magistrate's Court this morning on two years' probation for two years.

Det. Sub. Insp. S. L. Liu, said the defendant, Chau Kin-nui, 24, of 189 Yee Kok Street, Poon Chiu-yeo, went to Shamshuipo Police Station on January 12, where they reported that someone had broken into their cubicle and stolen money and jewellery.

Poon reported that HK\$80 and US\$111 were missing and defendant said a HK\$100 gold bracelet and two gold rings were missing.

The Police went to the cubicle to investigate. They questioned tenants of the flat, without result, and later called in defendant and her room-mate for further questioning.

Defendant then admitted she had stolen the money, but was able to make full restitution.

She had a clear record.

## Suspects Arrested

Two suspects were arrested yesterday following the theft of money from pedestrians in the streets of Kowloon.

In one case, a purse was snatched from a woman in the Yau-mat Market and in the other money was stolen from a man at a bus terminus in Clear Water Bay Road.

## FIRST NIGHT AT THE BALLET

BALLET seems to be an excellent "bet" for any impresario in Hongkong. He can always count on full houses. This week for three nights Mr Harry Odell has brought us a young company "Le Theatre D'Art Du Ballet".

The King's Theatre was nearly full last night and I would recommend tonight and tomorrow's performances to all lovers of ballet. Of course, the cynic or the artistic snob who has seen a little ballet at Sadler's Wells and expects all ballet companies to be of the same standard must revise his ideas. This is a young company, two years old, and being Hongkong, there is, of course, no orchestra available.

The performance opened with the ever popular Les Sylphides. This was the least satisfying of the four Ballets; but Carmen Valesa who danced the Prelude must be complimented. She gave the audience the impression that she was not merely dancing with musical accompaniment but to the music, and interpreting the combination of physical control required in this medium with expression.

It should be interesting to see her interpretation as Fokine's "Ismaely, the Favourite of the Harem" in his ballet of the same name to be performed on Thursday evening.

Again, I liked Isabella Warner who danced the Waltz and who looked as though she were enjoying dancing. The rest of the company somehow did not convey this feeling possibly due to a rather shaky start to the first performance.

This very romantic ballet relies on perfect co-ordination of movement particularly from the corps de ballet in both arm movements moving into position for the grouping that Fokine's choreography demands. Some members of the corps did not quite have the high standard of technique which Sylphides demands.

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The rest of the performance consisted of Igrouchki (the music being Rimsky-Korsakov's fantasy on Russian themes for Violin and Orchestra Opus 55, Choreography by Fokine), Balade (music by Faure, Theme and Chorography of Leonide Massine) and Adventures of Harlequin (music by Beethoven, Choreography by Fokine).

This young company was much more at home in these three ballets whose choreography is more based on character work rather than "point" work. The young male dancer Conrad Derevsky had both an excellent sense of timing and interpretation as the Boy in Igrouchki, as Faun in Massine's Balade and as Harlequin.

In Balade, Anna Galina, the tender and star of the company, danced the part of the Goddess with surely and a strong sense of poise in the stylised movements that Massine's choreography demands. This ballet is to be repeated on Thursday evening, and it is a particularly interesting choice because in it one is constantly reminded of the fact that here there is a combination of the blend of classical tradition and the more modern concept of the "ballet theatre". Here we have a blend of the Russian and American schools, the old and the new respectively. The lighting and the decor of Balade was very effective indeed.

Harlequin ended the performance on a bright and gay note. Our thanks go to Mr Odell for making such a performance possible in Hongkong. I hope in the years to come, if he continues to bring us art-of-the-art that Hongkong may have an orchestra to offer to the musical director of the Ballet company. One fully appreciates the prohibitive cost of a company taking its own orchestra round the world.

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From the Files

# 25 years AGO

OUR correspondent writes from London: A short time ago I mentioned that Dr Alexander Cannon MD, the psychiatrist at the London County Council mental institution at Colney Hatch, formerly of Hongkong, had been asked to resign by the Council in view of his book "The Invisible Influence."

He appealed and after a hearing before the LCC Staff Appointments committee, which lasted throughout the day, the appeal was unanimously allowed.

His book, an account of his adventures with a Yogi with black magic, hypnotism and other occult Eastern sciences.

Dr Cannon told in it of seeing a fire tree withered by a word; of a "dead" man raised to life by the Grand Lama of Tibet; of having carried himself "by thought" over a 50-ft wide gorge.

Mr Oswald A. Hampson appearing for Dr Cannon produced records from Colney Hatch of so-called "inebriates" who had been hypnotised by Dr Cannon, with the permission of the Council, and who were now discharged. Some of them it was stated were now earning substantial incomes in ordinary business life.

A medical witness told the court "his book is the work of a genius. It will increase his prestige among members of the profession."

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MR A. W. Hughes will succeed the Hon. Mr Paul Lauder as General Manager of the Union Insurance Society.

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A VERDICT of suicide was recorded at the resumed inquest of Mrs Hazel Christie, the estranged wife of Col. James Christie, who was found dead in the Route des Soeurs on Saturday last after a fall from her third-storey apartment above.

Mrs Christie was a well-known American lady who had become a British subject through marriage to Col. Christie who was deported from Shanghai a year previously after he had served a gaol sentence for participating in an arms transaction.

The French police reported that a woman friend visited Mrs Christie in her apartment and that the pair drank heavily throughout the evening.

An argument over religion assumed violent proportions, the two women finally engaging in a fist fight. About 3 a.m. after the visitor had left, Mrs Christie's body was found.

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At the Craigengower Club annual Christmas treat for children, Bonnie Omar took second place in the boys race (seven to nine) and came second to Rene Kosciel in the Boys Potato Race (under nine). Vera Desai took third place in the girls' Musical Chairs and Miss V. Bradbury won the Ladies Race, with E. Sousa winning from A. Kitchell in the Members Race.

Two popular local residents, Mr and Mrs G. Franklin Nightingale, who recently retired from Government service after a residence of almost 17 years in Hongkong, left for England today on leave prior to retirement.

He was former headmaster of the Central British School (1910-1934) and was also attached to Queen's College and the Yau-mat school. It was on his initiative that the Kowloon Chess Club was formed.

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